

Jesus said in John 10:10 - *The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy. I came that you might have life and have it abundantly.*

I recently read about an interview with the famous Sean Connery. As we all remember he was the tall, handsome, dashing movie star who played the glamorous 007 in six James Bond movies.

Later Connery traveled the world shooting movies in exotic places like equatorial Africa and the Orient. He has also been the executive producer of other films, a position of considerable power and influence.

Yet, during the interview when he was asked why, at age sixty two with considerable wealth, he was continuing to act? His response was very profound, he said: *“Because I get the opportunity to be somebody better and more interesting than I am.”*

Many of us, from early childhood, still struggle with the same identity crisis Sean Connery described. We find ourselves continuing to search for that genuine identity to which we can attach what we perceive to be a worthy significance.

We all desperately need this genuine significance God provided for us. Humanity had it too before the wrong choice described in Genesis 3:6; better known as *“The tree of knowledge of good and evil.”* Experiencing significance helps us discover our other four essential needs, Security, Intimacy, Innocence and Hope. (See page 3 in the article *“The Impostor within Us”* on the website: www.skipelmore.com)

Without these five needs being properly met, we are always pretending, role playing as we continue trying to be better than we perceive ourselves to be. It's a part of the original SIN with which we all began life. It's that basic fear of not measuring up that causes all other manifestations of our sin nature!!!

It is important to realize that our Lord's love for us is unconditional. This means God loves us at whatever spiritual state we happen to be in, However, we will only be able to possess and give that unconditional agape love (*a purpose driven verb, not an emotional expression*) to others when we experience possessing the Christ Spirit.

We need to stop *‘trying’* and begin *‘letting’* the Spirit of the living Christ be who we are. Trying never works!!! Having the FAITH to live by the Spirit begins when we realize that fear driven pride must yield to possessing the worthiness and spiritual authority offered by *‘GRACE.’* That will then become who we are.

Remember, *‘humility’* is never a self-deprecating attitude. NO! Humility is simply to know the absolute, true source of our providence.

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